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# H. R. 3653

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide emergency loans to poultry producers to rebuild chicken houses destroyed by disasters.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2000

Mr. BERRY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3   **SECTION 1. EMERGENCY LOANS FOR POULTRY FARMERS.**

4       Section 321(b) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural  
5   Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1961(b)) is amended by add-  
6   ing at the end the following:

7               “(3) LOANS TO POULTRY FARMERS.—

8               “(A) INABILITY TO OBTAIN INSURANCE.—

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
2           any other provision of this subtitle, the  
3           Secretary may make a loan to a poultry  
4           farmer under this subtitle to cover the loss  
5           of a chicken house for which the farmer  
6           did not have hazard insurance at the time  
7           of the loss, if the farmer—

8                   “(I) applied for, but was unable,  
9                   to obtain hazard insurance for the  
10                  chicken house;

11                  “(II) uses the loan to rebuild the  
12                  chicken house in accordance with in-  
13                  dustry standards in effect on the date  
14                  the farmer submits an application for  
15                  the loan (referred to in this paragraph  
16                  as ‘current industry standards’);

17                  “(III) obtains, for the term of  
18                  the loan, hazard insurance for the full  
19                  market value of the chicken house;  
20                  and

21                  “(IV) meets the other require-  
22                  ments for the loan under this subtitle,  
23                  other than (if the Secretary finds that  
24                  the applicant’s farming operations  
25                  have been substantially affected by a

1 major disaster or emergency des-  
2 ignated by the President under the  
3 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)) the requirement  
6 that an applicant not be able to obtain  
7 sufficient credit elsewhere.

8 “(ii) AMOUNT.—The amount of a loan  
9 made to a poultry farmer under clause (i)  
10 shall be an amount that will allow the  
11 farmer to rebuild the chicken house in ac-  
12 cordance with current industry standards.

13 “(B) LOANS TO COMPLY WITH CURRENT  
14 INDUSTRY STANDARDS.—

15 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
16 any other provision of this subtitle, the  
17 Secretary may make a loan to a poultry  
18 farmer under this subtitle to cover the loss  
19 of a chicken house for which the farmer  
20 had hazard insurance at the time of the  
21 loss, if—

22 “(I) the amount of the hazard in-  
23 surance is less than the cost of re-  
24 building the chicken house in accord-  
25 ance with current industry standards;

1 “(II) the farmer uses the loan to  
2 rebuild the chicken house in accord-  
3 ance with current industry standards;

4 “(III) the farmer obtains, for the  
5 term of the loan, hazard insurance for  
6 the full market value of the chicken  
7 house; and

8 “(IV) the farmer meets the other  
9 requirements for the loan under this  
10 subtitle, other than (if the Secretary  
11 finds that the applicant’s farming op-  
12 erations have been substantially af-  
13 fected by a major disaster or emer-  
14 gency designated by the President  
15 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster  
16 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act  
17 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.)) the require-  
18 ment that an applicant not be able to  
19 obtain sufficient credit elsewhere.

20 “(ii) AMOUNT.—The amount of a loan  
21 made to a poultry farmer under clause (i)  
22 shall be the difference between—

23 “(I) the amount of the hazard in-  
24 surance obtained by the farmer; and

1                   “(II) the cost of rebuilding the  
2 chicken house in accordance with cur-  
3 rent industry standards.”.

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